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# HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## 1936

### Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the twelve months ended 31st December, 1936

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#### I. GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA (acres) : 4288.

POPULATION : 1936 Estimated 2934.

Number of inhabited houses (1936) 912.

Rateable Value £9183.

Produce of a Penny Rate. No. 1 District, £30 0s. 0d.  
No. 2 District, £6 15s. 0d.  
Total £36 15s. 0d.

#### SOCIAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING THE CHIEF OCCUPATIONS OF THE INHABITANTS AND THE INFLUENCE OF ANY PARTICULAR OCCUPATION ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Mat Making and Agricultural Work.

#### II. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

**BIRTHS.** The number of births registered during the year was 45 (Males 20, Females 25) four of these being illegitimate. The birth-rate calculated to a population of 2934 is 15.3 per thousand as compared with 14.8 for England and Wales.

	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
BIRTHS ...	60	51	46	46	41	42	55	41	44	40	45
BIRTH-RATE ...	19.35	16.45	14.83	14.83	13.23	14.34	18.77	13.9	14.9	13.6	15.3

**DEATHS.** The number of deaths registered in and transferred to this district was 38. (Males 17, Females 21. 22 died over the age of 70, 9 of these being over the age of 80 years or 24 per cent. of the total deaths. The death-rate calculated to a population of 2934 is 12.9 per thousand as compared with 12.1 for England and Wales.

	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
DEATHS ...	44	48	36	40	37	45	56	38	31	40	38
DEATH-RATE ...	14.19	15.48	11.61	12.9	11.9	15.36	19.11	12.9	10.5	13.6	12.9

**INFANT MORTALITY.** Two children died under the age of one year giving a death-rate of 44.4 per thousand births as compared with 59 for England and Wales.

	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
DEATH-RATE ...	46.87	117.64	87.95	21.73	—	23.80	72.72	48.78	22.7	50.0	44.4

#### III. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT.

**HOSPITALS.** There are no Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or County Council in the District.

There is an arrangement with the Ipswich Borough Isolation Hospital Authority for the reception of cases of Infectious Diseases occurring in the District.

##### AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) An arrangement exists with the Ipswich Borough for the use of Ambulance for conveying cases of Infectious Diseases.

(b) There are no Ambulance Facilities for Non-Infectious and Accident Cases.

**CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.** Maternity and Child Welfare Centre monthly by the West Suffolk County Council.

**PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.** One part-time Medical Officer of Health and one part-time Sanitary Inspector. Contributions towards salaries from the Ministry of Health through the County Council.

##### PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

(a) General. Two District Nurses provided by the Nursing Association. Funds obtained locally. Both Nurses are qualified to act as Midwives.

(b) Infectious Diseases. Nil.

**MIDWIVES.** No Midwives are employed or subsidised by the Local Authority.  
Number of Midwives practising in the District. Nil.

##### LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

Local Acts Nil.

Special Local Orders. Nil.

General Adoptive Acts. February, 1924. Sec. 92, Public Health Act, 1907.

Byelaws. 11th January, 1870. These byelaws were revised and building byelaws and byelaws respecting drainage of existing buildings adopted in 1933. Water Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Council in April, 1931.

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#### IV. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

**WATER.** Further connections to the Water Mains have been made during the year, 17 new services having been laid for 50 additional houses, bringing the total houses connected to the mains up to 446 in addition to other premises.

**DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.** Particulars of new drainage to the Sewers are given below under the heading of work done. 26 further connections having been made for 68 houses and 6 business premises, bringing the total houses connected to the Sewers up to 357 in addition to other premises.

**CESSPOOLS, PRIVIES AND PAIL CLOSETS.** The emptying of these is still undertaken by the Council with a scale of charges on the occupants of the houses. During the year the following were emptied by the Council's Plant.

Cesspools	...	20
Privies	...	74
Pails	...	3037

These figures will decrease as connections to the Sewer are made.

**SCAVENGING.** The arrangements for the removal and disposal of house refuse remain the same, the refuse being collected once and in some parts of the district twice per week, and taken to a satisfactory dump out of the Town by a Contractor.

##### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Visits of Inspection	...	296
Factories and Workshops	...	5
Butchers' Shops and Slaughter Houses	...	39
Dairies and Cowsheds	...	20
Bakehouses	...	11

INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED ON OWNERS AND OTHERS ... 26

INFORMAL NOTICES COMPLIED WITH ... 26

FORMAL NOTICES SERVED ... 1

FORMAL NOTICES COMPLIED WITH ... —

##### WORK DONE UNDER NOTICES TO OWNERS AND OTHERS, AND WITHOUT NOTICES.

New Drainage to Sewer (representing 68 houses and 6 other premises)	...	26
New W.C.'s	...	73
New baths	...	4
New sinks	...	52
New lavatory basins	...	5
New urinals	...	1
Existing W.C.'s connected to Sewer	...	1
Existing Baths connected to Sewer	...	2
Existing Sinks connected to Sewer	...	18
Existing Wash Basins connected to Sewer	...	2
Number of cesspools filled in	...	1
Number of privy pits filled in	...	27
Number of pail closets discontinued	...	18
Repairs to roofs and gutters	...	3
Repairs to chimneys	...	1
Rooms disinfected	...	5
Cottages disinfested	...	4
Other nuisances abated	...	5
Privy pits converted to pails	...	1
General repairs to cottages	...	4
Pail closet buildings repaired	...	2
Houses demolished	...	2
Separate sanitary accommodation provided	...	2
Houses reconditioned	...	1
Slaughter houses cleansed	...	2
Offal removed	...	1
Overcrowding cases abated	...	2
Cowsheds limewashed	...	1
Meat condemned (portion of pig)	...	1
Bathing Place cleaned out	...	1

#### V. HOUSING STATISTICS.

##### NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

(a) Total including number given separately under (b)	...	7
(b) With State assistance under Housing Acts		
(1) By Local Authority	...	4
(2) By other bodies or persons	...	3
New Shops	...	1
New Electric Sub-Station	...	1
Additional Bedrooms	...	1
Additional Bathrooms	...	1

##### INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	17
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	26
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	5
(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose	...	5
(c) Number of re-inspections	...	2
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	2
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	14

(2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 13

(3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

- (a) Proceedings under Secs. 17, 18 and 23, Housing Act, 1930 —  
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts —  
(c) Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21, Housing Act, 1930 :—  
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 9  
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —  
Proceedings under Section 20 of Housing Act, 1930 —

(4) HOUSING ACT, 1935. OVERCROWDING.

- (a) (1) Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year 10  
(2) Number of families dwelling therein 10  
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein 75  
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year —  
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 2  
Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 9½  
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... —  
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report —

NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY—72.

1914 - 8. 1919 - 24. 1927 - 12. 1929 - 16. 1935 - 8. 1936 - 4. Total 72.

Two Clearance Areas declared in Angel Street in 1933 have been completed, all houses and other property demolished and the 12 new Council Houses erected and occupied. The individual unfit houses under the 5 years programme have not yet been demolished but the contract has been settled for the erection of the further houses needed.

VI. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) The Milk and Dairies Orders are being administered in the District. No additional registrations during the year. Three samples of milk were taken for analysis on instructions of the County Medical Officer. One supplementary Licence renewed for Pasteurised Milk. During the last two or three years the samples have shown a high degree of cleanliness, the bacteria count in most cases being very low.  
(b) MEAT. Notifications are received as to day and time of slaughtering and inspections of slaughter houses and butchers' shops made as often as possible.

VII. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The deaths caused by the following diseases during 1936 and the previous years were:—

		1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
Respiratory	...	1	14	4	6	3	4	2	2	3	2	3
Cancer	...	5	3	3	3	6	8	6	1	3	4	6
Tuberculosis	...	2	1	1	—	4	3	2	1	3	1	2
Enteric Fever (not previously reported)	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles (all ages)	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	2	—	1	1	2	5	1	1	—	—	1
Other Causes	...	34	30	27	30	21	24	45	33	22	33	26

Opthalmia Neonatorum. No Cases Notified.

VIII. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) 1936.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Pneumonia	3	—	1
Puerperal Fever	1	—	—

IX. PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS (1925).

No action taken.

X. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925, SECTION 62.

No action was taken under Section 62 in regard to orders for compulsory removal of cases of Tuberculosis to Hospital.

XI. RATS.

3679 Rats were killed and brought in during the year.

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